

SENATE RESOLUTION 7010

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A RESOLUTION to honor Susie James and WANT/WCOR Radio on the station's thirtieth anniversary.

WHEREAS, the members of this legislative body are proud to formally recognize those talented professionals whose influence on and participation in the broadcasting profession are of great import and whose talent has set them apart; and

WHEREAS, one such individual is veteran radio broadcasting professional Susie James, owner of WANT/WCOR in Wilson County, who is marking the thirtieth anniversary of her radio station on October 1, 2023; and

WHEREAS, in 1988, Mrs. James took a leap of faith to bring local radio back to Wilson County at the urging of her stepfather, Bill Barry, a longtime radio businessman, who encouraged her to file an application with the Federal Communications Commission for a new radio frequency licensed to Lebanon; and

WHEREAS, setting a personal goal for her radio stations WCOR-AM and WANT-FM to remain focused on Lebanon and Wilson County, she wanted the stations to become part of the community; and

WHEREAS, Susie James achieved her goal with the creation of "Coleman & Company," an hour-long morning talk show that concentrates on community affairs programming, with elected officials and community leaders as regular guests; and

WHEREAS, not an on-air personality herself, Mrs. James credits her wonderful staff and crew for their dedication to making the station a success by filling a need in Wilson County with their efforts; and

WHEREAS, a native of Lebanon, Susie James attended McClain Elementary School and Friendship Christian School. She took classes at Cumberland University and is a graduate of Middle Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, she enjoys the love and support of her husband, Ed James; her two children and their spouses; and her grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, an active member of her community, Mrs. James is a graduate of Leadership Wilson and a member of College Hills Church of Christ and the Kiwanis Club of Lebanon; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. James epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, as an accomplished member of her profession and a respected leader in her community, Susie James is a Tennessean of whom we can all be proud, and it is highly appropriate that the members of this legislative body recognize such an esteemed legend of radio broadcasting; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor and congratulate Susie James and WANT/WCOR Radio upon the station's thirtieth anniversary and pay tribute to Mrs. James's many years of broadcasting excellence and service to the good people of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.